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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MEXICO BY YUGOSLAV FED SCTY FOR NATIONAL DEF,
GEN OF ARMY NIKOLA LJUBICIC

1. DATT/AIRA WAS ADVISED BY FLS ON 6 SEP THAT GEN NIKOLA LJUBICIC, YUGOSLAV FED SCTY FOR NATIONAL DEF WOULD BE AT MIAMI INT AIRPORT ON FRE, 17 SEP 76, FROM APPROX 1240 TO 1440 HOURS FOR REFUELING IN CONNECTION WITH A RETURN FLIGHT FROM MEXICO TO YUGOSLAVIA. FLS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING VISA APPLICATIONS AND ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "U.S. SIDE" MAY WANT TO MEET LJUBICIC, OR HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM.

2. ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS OF THE VISIT ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO AMB AT RECEPTION THAT THE YUGOSLAWS WILL BE VISITING NEWLY OPENED MEXICAN ACADEMY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE AIR CREW MEMBERS AND FIVE CADETS FROM THE GROUND FORCES MIL ACAD, PARTY CONSISTS OF GEN AND MRS. LJUBICIC, GEN MAJ AND MRS. ILIJA RASKOVIC, CHIEF OF MIL ACAD FOR GROUND FORCES, COL STANISLAV PISCEVIC, DEP CHIEF OF JAN MEDICAL SERVICES AND LT COL NIKOLA BOBIC.

4. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF PREVIOUS VISITS BY MEXICAN MILITARY
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TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ASSUME THAT INVITATION MAY HAVE BEEN A

BY-PRODUCT OF PRES TITO'S VISIT TO MEXICO IN APRIL.

5. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS IF A SUFFICIENTLY
HIGH LEVEL MILITARY OR DOD OFFICIAL WOULD HOST A LUNCHEON ON
17 SEP FOR LJUBICIC AND PARTY DURING STOPOVER IN MIAMI.

6. FOR DAO MEXICO CITY: REQUEST ANY INFO AVAILABLE CON-
CERNING THIS VISIT.

7. FOR ISA: REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED LUNCHEON AND
WHETHER YOUR OFFICE AWARE OF LJUBICIC STOP IN MIAMI.
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